

## **Nicholas Paine – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Nicholas Paine was born in Eastham in 1663. He was the son of Thomas Paine who was a prominent early Eastham settler best known for constructing windmills. Nicholas had two sisters and six brothers. He married Hannah Higgins in 1699. Nicholas died in 1733 at age seventy. Nicholas and his wife Hannah probably are buried in unmarked graves in Orleans Cemetery where his brother John and John's wife Alice have original gravestones.

1700

Granted to Nicholas Paine three or four acres on the north side of the mill at Kescayogansset. PDF P93.

1703

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats near the southerly end of Pochet Island and next to the meadow of John Bangs. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two and one-half acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A176, M77, S40.

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs a parcel of meadow at the southeast corner of Hog Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about ten acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A275, M156, S89.

1704

Granted to Nicholas Paine a parcel of meadow on the southerly end of Pochet Island next to land of John Bangs. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF P114.

1711

Granted to Nicholas Paine, George Brown Sr., Daniel Mayo, Samuel Mayo, James Snow and Joseph Snow the second lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like the adjacent first lot. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T86.

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs about four acres on the northwest side of his house lot. Bounds were indicated by stones. Also granted to Nicholas Paine less than one acre at Sheep Pond. PDF T167.

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs about four acres on the westerly side of Nathaniel Doane's land and near the swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T167.

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs a wood lot of about six acres on the northerly side of the Second Brook and on the northerly side of Ebenezer Snow's wood lot. PDF T167.

#### 1715

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs three parcels of land. One parcel was about seven acres by the windmill and beginning at a rock at the northerly side of the head of Kescayogansset Pond and running northerly by the way that goes to Sampson's Neck. Another parcel was about three acres next to his other land and land of Elisha Mayo. Another parcel was about two acres near the head of Kescayogansset Pond. PDF T209.

Granted to Nicholas Paine and his heirs a wood lot on the easterly side of the way that that went to the Herring River at Billingsgate. The lot ran east towards the sea 320 pole (one mile) by twenty pole (330 feet) which would be about forty acres. PDF T292.

The Eastham land owned by Nicholas Paine or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about eighty-five acres. By 1745 not counting his father twelve more Paines received Eastham land grants.